

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement of May 18, 2009, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to initially prosecute the Claims (1, 3, 4, 12 and 13) identified by the Examiner as Group I, drawn to a compound of formula I.

In addition, Applicants hereby elect, for search purposes, with traverse, the compound of Example 1, (R)-3-amino-5-(4-heptyloxy-phenyl)-3-methyl-pentanoic acid, on which Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16 and 18 are readable.


Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested, as are the Claim of Group IV, drawn to a method of preparing a compound of Group I, classified in the same classes as the Claims of Group I, Claims 7 and 18 drawn to compositions comprising compounds of formula I, and the Claims of Groups II, III and V, upon allowance of the Claims of Group I.

SUMMARY

If any remaining matters need to be resolved, the resolution of which would expedite prosecution, and which are amenable to resolution during a telephone interview between the Examiner and Applicants' Attorney, Applicants respectfully request such a telephone interview (the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the telephone number set forth below) with the Examiner prior to any adverse action being issued by the Office, in order to facilitate consideration of the pending Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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